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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SD Guard pledges to reinforce wellness as top priority

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard adjutant general pledged to reinforce his top priority – Taking care of Soldiers, Airmen and their families – at Joint Force Headquarters on Camp Rapid, March 6.

Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch signed the SDNG Wellness Council Charter, which was developed to improve and sustain those efforts through a holistic approach to meet the overall vision to be the best in the nation at caring for service members and their families.

“Taking care of our Soldiers, Airmen and their families is my top priority,” said Reisch. “The work that the Wellness Council is undertaking will have a very positive impact on that.”

Air Force Chairman for the council Brig. Gen. Matthew Jamison, Air Force assistant adjutant general, believes this priority is the most important, because it ensures our service members will be ready to respond at a moment’s notice.

“If we take care of our Soldiers, Airmen and their families they will be ready when our state and nation needs them,” said Jamison.

Members of the Wellness Council are subject matter experts from each of the SDNG support services such as the Service Member and Family Support branch, chaplain’s office, director of psychological health, Sexual Harassment Assault Response Program, representatives from major command units and many more.

The council members will meet quarterly to achieve their goals of improving service member and family wellness.

Army Chairman for the council Brig. Gen. Kevin Griesse, Army assistant adjutant general, talks about the council’s main goals.

“Our main goals are to maximize collaboration between the support programs that are available and improve the customer service provided to our Soldiers, Airmen and their family members,” said Griesse. “We want to ensure all programs are fully integrated and provide the support needed to our unit commanders.”

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150306-Z-CW157-001: The South Dakota National Guard's Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch signs the SDNG Wellness Council Charter as Brig. Gen. Kevin Griesse, Army assistant adjutant general, left, and Brig. Gen. Matthew Jamison, Air Force assistant adjutant general, witness at Joint Force Headquarters on Camp Rapid, March 6, 2015. The charter is a plan to reinforce the SDNG's top priority of taking care of Soldiers, Airmen and their families. The goal of the council is to provide guidance, direction and resources necessary to sustain a healthy, resilient force. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)

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